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Comments on 2022-R-A-0011: Low Emission Vehicle Program

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I attended the Town Hall Meeting at the Brandywine Hundred Firehall on March 23 and found it very informative. Dr. David Legates had presented historical weather information and trends that do not indicate that weather has been getting worse. There was also much discussion around the proposed Electric Car Mandate, which would follow laws initiated by California's elected officials. I am opposed to adopting any Electric Car Mandate for the state of Delaware for the following reasons: * Delaware elected officials should not forego their decision making to the State of California. We cannot vote for the legislators in California who could affect our fate. * America was built on freedom, therefore, any government mandates defy the spirit of the Constitution * Electric vehicles are costly and the rebates are not significant. Most people could not afford the higher cost of EVs when they have so many other expenses for which they must balance their budgets. * EVs will create higher electric utility demand for which there is not a quick fix. It would be much better to expand the infrastructure as demand increases over time, when people make the choice to convert if it is right for their situation * EVs do not have the range for long distance driving. Environmental savings can already be gained by driving Hybrids, such as the Prius, which has a range close to 500 miles per tank of gas. * Many homes cannot accommodate the additional burden of charging an electric vehicle without a costly upgrade to the electrical panel. * There are no power sources available for those people who rely on street parking or parking lots for their vehicles. * I had heard that EVs have eliminated AM radio because the engines affect the radio sound, but the Emergency Broadcast System relies on AM radio. This could be a significant issue in a state of emergency without a well thought out solution. I am sure that there are many other factors that would affect a smooth transition, therefore, it is better to ease into building infrastructure as the demand increases, rather than mandating change toward an artificial date and creating much hardship for Delawareans. I am asking our Delaware leaders to avoid initiating any mandates around eliminating gas powered vehicles, but focus efforts on building infrastructure that could accommodate a future transition to EVs as the need arises. A well thought out plan will have less impact on the lives of our fellow Delaware citizens.